



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0096	<b>Title:</b>	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance
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<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Kerns, K.	<b>Status:</b>	Second Reading, Second Printing
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget        | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

	<u><b>FY 2008 Difference</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2009 Difference</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2010 Difference</b></u>	<u><b>FY 2011 Difference</b></u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$100,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### **Description of Fiscal Impact:**

The projected fiscal impact is based upon bill passage that creates a permanent biennial statutory appropriation, (\$100,000) expressly for the reimbursement of maintenance expenses resultant of a county identifying a veteran's cemetery as a "state veteran's cemetery" – as certified by the Montana Board of Veterans' Affairs.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions:**

#### **Department of Military Affairs – Veterans' Affairs Division**

1. This proposal allows a county to designate a veteran's cemetery as a "state veterans' cemetery" if so certified by the Montana Board of Veterans' Affairs. The board must certify that the county cemetery is operated and maintained to the same standards and interment eligibility criteria required for board-established state veterans cemeteries. If designated as a "state veteran's cemetery", the county is eligible to receive reimbursement of actual expenses incurred for maintaining the cemetery. Reimbursement is to be made annually from the \$100,000 biennial appropriation. Prorated annual disbursements will be made

if the total claim amounts received by the board exceed the total money available in the “maintenance” account established by this bill.

2. The Board of Veterans Affairs will utilize the standards established by the National Cemetery Administration as its certification criteria.
3. Dependent upon the quantity of county-run cemeteries that receive certification as a “state veteran’s cemetery” and the funds availability in the biennial appropriation, there may be an increasing maintenance expense liability to the counties.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b>Department of Military Affairs - Veterans' Affairs Division</b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Transfer	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$100,000)	\$0	(\$100,000)	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:**

1. This bill may require local governments to spend additional sums for which no specific means of financing are provided.

**Technical Notes:**

1. Potential conflict with Title 1, Chapter 2, 1-2-114, MCA.
2. Potential revenues generated by these cemeteries, from the VA-plot allowance and estates, is not contemplated in this bill.

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